The Carolina Farmer.

[New York Sun.]

GRANT'S PROGRESS.

The mahogany calls to regal halls,
The White House fades remote in story,
My heart awakes, my soul partakes
In scenes of royal pomp and glory.
Crow, Freddy, crow, set the wild rumor flying!
Crow, Freddy! answer flunkies, lying, lying, lying!

O high-born girls, lords, dukes, and earls,
To ceaseless rout, ball, dinner, going!
O wondrous lunch, with seas of punch,
And champagne brimmers freely flowing!
Crow, let us hear the airy Press replying!
Crow, Freddy, answer, flunkies, answer, sighing, sighing!

How choice the fare of yon Lord Mayor,
His turbots, sirloins, sauces, haunches;
The steaming vat of rich green fat
That lines those Aldermanic paunches!
Crow, Freddy, crow, set the wild rumor flying!
Crow, Freddy, answer, snobs, with flunkies vieing, vieing!

O Fred, we fly in a gorgeous sky,
We bask with lords and dames in waltzing!
Joy, joy to roll from bowl to bowl,
And view life through a royal grating!
O boon surpassing gift of gnome or fairy,
My Fierrepont's kindred tie with noble Lady Mary! C. L.

Battle of Ramsour's Mill.

[Southern Home.]

This battle was fought on the 20th of June, 1780, on land now owned by Capt. Wallace Reinhardt, Clerk of the Superior Court of Lincoln county. The battle ground is half a mile North of the village of Lincolnton. The Tories had assembled there to the number of 1,400, under a Lieut. Colonel Moore, when they were attacked and defeated by Col. Locke with 400 men. All the advantages of prestige and position were on the side of the Tories. Charleston had fallen on the 12th of May of that year, and on the 29th of that same month Tarleton had butchered the almost unresisting command of Buford in the Waxhaw settlement. There were no mails in those days and hardly any means of communication. British emissaries with gold in their pockets told the people that the rebel cause was lost, and they proffered money to all who would join their standard. The Tories under Moore occupied a wooden knoll with an open field of 200 yards in front, over which the Whigs would have to attack them. Notwithstanding these advantages, Gen. Rutherford, who was encamped below Charlotte with 500 men, resolved to march to the attack, and he sent an express to Colonel Locke to join him. The messenger never reached Locke, and each officer began his march on his own responsibility. Locke reached the field some hours in advance of Rutherford, and with a soldier's impetuosity began the attack unaided. The attack in front failed and the Tories pressed back their assailants, but the Whigs were not discouraged, and by a movement under cover of the woods succeeded in gaining the flank and rear of the enemy, who fell back in confusion.

It is difficult to over-estimate the importance of this victory. It prevented a rising of the Tory element in Western North Carolina, and it inspired the Whigs with hope and courage. It was the precursor of the decisive victory at King's Mountain on the 7th of October of the same year, which was, in many respects, the most important victory of the great rebellion, though hardly alluded to in Northern annals. It is hardly too much to say that the inspiration of Ramsour's Mill achieved the crowning triumph at King's Mountain.

One of Harriet Martineau's Slanders.

Mrs. Caroline Gilman writes to the Boston *Transcript* from Rhodeisland to say this: "More than forty years have passed since Miss Martineau brought letters of introduction to my family as a Christian woman. She was welcomed with entire trust as a guest, and seemed to value our social efforts. As a return for unstinted hospitality she left for publication a description of her hostess, which she knew would blight my name or cause sorrow and surprise to many who loved me. I will not annoy your readers or myself by calling up the exaggerated statements respecting her hostess, because they can be explained by mistakes through an uncertain ear-trumpet, connected, I fear, with a pre-determined political will, concealed at the time by an air of sympathy with our heart-whole welcome. The trumpet may explain her hearing, but for her sight of the negro sale, I can only assert the fact that, in my long pilgrimage of nearly 83 years, I have never witnessed a slave auction, and I think I am correct in saying that no lady in Charleston would venture to intrude on the strictly and exclusively business merts on the wharves of East Bay."

Grant and the Beauties.

We extract the following from a London letter to the New York *World*, descriptive of scenes at Lord Houghton's entertainment to Gen. Grant:

* * * But two of the three prettiest girls in the room were Americans—Miss Howe, of Boston, lovely as a Peri, and Miss Beckwith, of New York. It put one all in a flutter to look at them, and it was the universal verdict that Miss Howe carried off the palm. And a fairer head never bore a palm in this world—to that I am prepared to make solemn affidavit.

Two out of three, I have said, and who was the third? The lioness, my worthy editor; and had you been there you would have made chase after her, just as all the rest of us did, and thrown dignity and pride to the dence. I did not think such creatures lived out of heaven; but there she was in the flesh; and such lustrous dazzling flesh, shining and spotless as ivory, and white as the driven snow on a mountain side. Dear me, my aged heart warms even now at the thought of it! Her face is like some dream of a happier world, her form like that of a Grecian goddess, her eyes—but the moment you see these it is all over with you; you are knocked, like that famous work of a famous preacher, "higher than a kite," and there is nothing for it but to prostrate yourself before the divinity, and go home and be miserable. And who is she? Well, really nobody knows much more about her than this—that she is a lady from Jersey, one of the Channel Islands, that she is married to a gentleman named Langtree, and that she has been plainly and quietly brought up in a manner becoming a gentlewoman. She only came over here with her husband for a little holiday; and everybody made a dash at her at once, as gold-hunters grasp at some huge nugget. And now she is all the rage, and people climb up on chairs or stand wedged in or on a staircase merely to get a glimpse of her. Judge, then, what must have been the feelings of your too-susceptible correspondent when he found himself sitting next but two to her at supper the other night. His condition at one time was grave; but he is making a fair recovery.

And the lion and the lioness went down to supper together—quite a lovely sight to witness. I do not know how it was, but the ex-President with his usual good generalship managed to get Mrs. Langtree on one side of him and Miss Howe on the other, and then a look of perfect contentment came into his face, and I verily believe that at the moment he did not care a cent for all the dukes and duchesses in existence.

Hon. Jeremiah S. Black on the Conflict of Jurisdiction.

[Charlotte Observer.]

We make the following extract from a letter of Hon. J. S. Black, of Penn, to Judge Schenck of this State, in regard to the question of State jurisdiction over Federal officers who violate the laws of North Carolina. It will be seen that the eminent lawyer fully sustains Judge Schenck's views as announced in his opinion published yesterday:

YORK, PA., June 18, 1877.

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I understand the conflict in your State to arise on a murder committed by a Federal officer upon a citizen. Upon what pretence can jurisdiction be claimed by the courts of the United States? It is not among the cases enumerated by the Constitution, to which the Federal power shall extend. I do not say that a question may not be raised on the trial which might authorise a review on writ of error by the Supreme Court. But murder by whomsoever done or suffered to be done, is an offence against the State alone, and the accused is triable only in the State courts. There can be no removal of such a cause for trial. I speak with reference to the Constitution without examining other authorities. Decisions which agree with the constitution are useless—those which oppose it are false. I am yours truly,

J. S. BLACK.

Dom Pedro I. and Victor Hugo.

[From the Messages Franco-American.]

The following is a new anecdote about the Emperor of Brazil:

He recently paid a visit to Victor Hugo. After a long interview, in which the two celebrities conversed upon divers topics, the Emperor asked permission of the poet to repeat his visit, requesting him to fix a day. "I receive my friends every day," said Hugo, politely, "and we have dinner at eight o'clock."

After the lapse of some days, one evening at about half past seven o'clock the door bell of the poet's house was rung, and a gentleman in dress coat and white cravat presented himself. "Whom shall I announce?" said the servant. "Dom Pedro de Braganza," replied the visitor. As yet there was nobody in the parlor. The host was informed of the arrival.

"I have come to dine with you," said the Emperor, in democratic style.

Soon the guests sat down to table. The repast was charming. Dom Pedro gave some very curious traveling impressions. Victor Hugo, for his part, spoke with that simplicity so full of warmth of which those who have not the honor of being intimate with him have no idea. When the Emperor took leave of his host—it was rather late—the latter said to him, smiling with his fine and arch smile: "Sir, I could not possibly tell you how happy I am that we have no sovereigns like you in Europe." "And why?" said Dom Pedro. "Because," replied Victor Hugo, "both myself and my friends would be very much puzzled to find anything bad to say of them."

Dom Pedro burst out laughing, and took leave of his friend like a good natured and sensible man.

A Touching War Incident.

[Raleigh News.]

In one of the hotly-contested fights in Virginia, during the war, a Federal officer fell wounded in front of the Confederate breastworks. While lying there wounded and crying piteously for water, a Confederate soldier (James Moore, of Burke county, N. C.), declared his intention of supplying him with drink. The bullets were flying thick from both sides and Moore's friends endeavored to dissuade him from such a hazardous enterprise. Despite remonstrance and danger, however, Moore leaped the breastwork, canteen in hand, reached his wounded enemy, and gave him drink. The Federal, under a sense of gratitude for the timely service, took out his gold watch and offered it to his benefactor, but it was refused. The officer then asked the name of the man who had braved such danger to succor him; the name was given, and Moore returned unhurt to his position behind the embankment.

They saw nothing more or each other. Moore was subsequently wounded and lost a limb in one of the engagements in Virginia, and returned to his home in Burke county. A few days ago he received a communication from the Federal soldier to whom he had given the "cup of cold water" on the occasion alluded to, announcing that he had settled on him the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be paid in four equal annual instalments of twenty-five hundred dollars each. Investigation has established the fact that there is no mistake or deception in the matert.

An Honorable Gentleman Shamefully Prosecuted.

[Philadelphia Times.]

Among the inmates of the Massachusetts State Prison is an old man, a college graduate and once a trusted lawyer, a man who managed estates and controlled trust funds. Two years ago it was found that thousands and thousands of dollars had disappeared in ruinous speculations, and that he had for years been a forger, until there was almost nothing left of the hundreds of thousands that had been intrusted to him. Not only had he ruined his clients, but his brothers and his old father and uncle. And yet in prison he speaks of nothing but his honor, his innocence and his honesty. It required thirty-eight hours of starvation to bring him to compliance with the rules of the prison. He was taken to court the other day to give evidence in some real estate transactions, and was very much shocked at the presence of an officer with him, and remonstrated at the unnecessary trouble they were taking. "I have been engaged so largely in real estate transactions that I shall be called out of prison often as a witness, and I hate to trouble you so to come with me," said he. "If the warden would only tell me what cours I was wanted in I could just as well come alone and return after court. I have nothing left now but my honor, and if I should lose that, why God help me." This is not monomania. What is it?

— The anti-Seligman party does not seem to have a single newspaper organ anywhere in the United States.

"The Despised Jew."

J. P. Benjamin, the eminent Jewish lawyer, was once twitted on his race and religion, when he made the following caustic reply:

"Let not the gentleman think that my pride has been hurt or my self respect lowered by his evasive allusion to my race and religion. I rather glory in that which he considers a reproach—in my descent from that race which under the banners of the princely Maccabees, has outstripped in all the arts of civilization, or science and arms, the other people of the world, then steeped in barbarism and paganism. I glory in the fact that my ancestors were waging a war for the true God, for Liberty and Religion, when those of the gentleman who now seek to reproach me, were tending swine in the swamps of Bohemia, and worshipping stocks and stones as their only embodiments of deity and expression of religious duty and sentiment."

Apiriculture at the South.

A paper on this subject read before a Farmer's Club, of Granville county, North Carolina, by N. V. Watkins, is given in the *Southern Planter*. In the experience of the writer, he has found the following plants best adapted to that climate: forage plants—clover, millet, peas and rye; grasses—orchard grass, red top, timothy and tall meadow oat grass; all named in order of value. Orchard grass proves hardy, adapted to all soils, and yields well. Red top grows on the stiff pipe-clay soils where other grasses fail, as well as on ordinary soils and on any land which will yield a fair crop of oats. The tall meadow oat grass proves excellent mixed with clover and orchard grass. Timothy is only suited to rich, moist flats; should never be grazed, and should always have red top sowed with it. The other grasses afford good winter grazing, as well as large yields of hay.

A Woman's Mother Comes to Grief.

Chicago has one sad wreck of the Murphy movement. A lady who thought herself personally called to battle with the demon of strong drink was not seconded by her husband, so she left him and her three children and came to Chicago. She became interested in one young man and succeeded in reforming him to the extent that she thought it desirable to get a divorce. Her husband was worth about $200,000, and she thought she could get enough to set up house keeping again. But she was not in a position to sue for a divorce for her husband was the deserted one. She got only $600 out of the $200,000, and neither of the three children. It is rather a bitter case of perverted woman's rights.

Confederate Archives Burnt.

Twenty-seven boxes of Confederate archives, left at Union, S. C., by Jefferson Davis, were recently destroyed by fire. The Federal troops were pressing Mr. Davis so hard during his retreat Southward that he was compelled to leave the archives with Col Young, at Union. The latter had carefully preserved them, and was about to send them to the Southern Historical Society at Richmond, when they were destroyed.

A Joke by Joe Bradley.

Judge Bradley is something of a wag. A day or two ago a foreign born citizen desired to be excused from jury duty because he did not understand the English language. The way he put it was thus: "Shooge, you ox koose me you this choory; I ton't onterstood good English." "Never mind," said the Judge, "you will hear very little of that here."—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

Commencement at Davidson College.

We gather further particulars from Charlotte *Democrat*:

Hon. D. G. Fowle arrived at the College on Wednesday, and Gov. Vance on Thursday. Judge Fowle delivered an address on Thursday, and Gov. Vance presented the prizes to the young men who won them. W. W. Carson, of Louisiana, was elected Professor of Mathematics, to take the place of M. Barnett, who has been serving as Adjunct Professor, and who retired for the purpose of entering the John Hopkins University. The following additional Trustees were elected: Hon. D. G. Fowle, of Raleigh; Col. Frank Little, of Richmond county, N. C.; Rev. P. P. Winn and Col. Hemphill, of Chester, S. C.

A preparatory class was ordered to be organized to teach boys desiring to enter College. A resolution was adopted permitting the students to organize a military company for exercise, &c. Thos. M. Holt, Esq., a member of the Board, offers a $25 gold medal to the student who makes the best proficiency in Latin—the medal to be awarded at each commencement hereafter. Jas. W. Osborne, of Charlotte, won the Greek prize, and Mr. Reid, of Reidsville, S. C., the "Wiley" prize for the best mathematician.

The Board conferred the degree of LL. D. on Hon. Daniel G. Fowle, of Raleigh, N. C., and D.D. on Rev. G. R. Bracket, of Charleston, S. C., and Rev. J. Bennet, of Canada. The future of Davidson College is quite cheering, and the faculty and trustees deserve credit for their successful efforts to make the Institution first class.

Rev. J. Wm. Fling, of Tennessee, delivered the Alumni address.

Strike of the Compositors on the New York Tribune.

NEW YORK, June 29.

The *Tribune* has been in negotiation for a day or two with its compositors for a reduction from forty-six to forty cents, the abolition of "bogus" copy, and one or two minor points which brought them in conflict with the rules of the Typographical Union. This afternoon at 5 o'clock the whole force struck without notice. New men were instantly called in, and by 6 o'clock they had forty compositors at work. The paper comes out in the morning with ten pages, and the foreman says he can get on hereafter without difficulty, although they will want a few good printers.

— A sight that Judge Hilton cannot put out—the Lorgnette. The man who is generally behind him at the card player Garden hose is used a great deal now by young ladies who play croquet. The question at Saratoga—"Which is the merchant here, and which the Jew?"—*Boston Bulletin.*

State Gleanings.

— Some one has been reviving some old Greek mathematical puzzle that did service in the days of Aristotle, and has been tickling the Raleighites with it as his own.

— Elizabeth City *Economist*: Bill Basnight says that deer are so thick at the head of the Alligator river, in Dare county, that they have to shoot them, to protect their gardens and crop patches, as we shoot crows.

— Lenoir *Topic*: Mr. Robert W. Powell, who left this place about thirty years ago, has returned to make Lenoir his permanent home. North Carolina is the best place after all for her sons. Mr. Powell has tried several States west of us, but comes back at last with quite a family, and settles down in our midst to spend the remainder of his days.

— Rockingham *Spirit*: Mr. Elias Cobles, whilst engaged cutting wheat on Mr. B. T. Long's plantation in this vicinity a few days ago, came near killing one of Mr. Long's small children with his scythe. It seems that the child approached Mr. Cobles from behind, and not being observed by him, he made a swipe with his cradle, taking the little fellow in, and nearly severing one of his (the child's) arms.

— Milton *Chronicle*: Our farmers are stacking the wheat, and all concur in the opinion that the crop is a good one. Tobacco starts off well, but how it will come out remains to be seen. Corn is backward, owing to the cold weather of spring. Oats first rate. — Mr. J. R. Lunsford, of this county, has sent us through Mr. N. P. Oliver, of Yanceyville, a bunch of very fine bearded wheat. The bunch comprises the product of a single wheat grain and counts 178 fine stocks, with large grains.

— The *Hawk-Eye* man gives the *Torchlight* a lift thusly: "While we don't harmonize with our Southern contemporary in politics, yet we rejoice in its prosperity, for it is a live, newsy, brilliant paper, and deserves financial success and a cordial home support. When the time comes for the lion to lie down with the lamb, we think we can bunk with Brother Davis, W. A., of the *Torchlight*, not Jefferson, as calmly and contentedly as a man outside of a keg of lager curling up on a garden bench. If Davis will play the lamb we'll try to do the lyin'."

— Charlotte *Democrat*: All the National Banks of the city have declared semi-annual dividends of 4 per cent., payable on and after the 24 of July. The banks pay the State tax on stock direct to the Public Treasurer at Raleigh, which is some saving to stockholders. The tax for county purposes must be paid by stockholders individually. — The interest due on the mortgage bonds of the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, will be paid at the First National Bank of this city on the 1st of July. — The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the A. T. & O. Railroad will be held in Statesville on the 5th of July.

— Woodson published a recipe in Raleigh *Observer* for the certain and rapid propagation of that interesting little fellow who does his own singing, and in whose veins, according to Josh Billings, runs the best blood in the country. Here is one of the results: *Local-Daily Observer*—SIR: "The other day, when you gave us that receipt for raising mosquitoes, I didn't know that you meant these great tall gallinippers that could stand in their stocking feet and drink out of a tin cup. Alas, to my sorrow, last night I found it but too true. No more receipts for the undersigned, if you please.

"Yours in tribulation, G."

— Raleigh *Observer*: The Hornet's Nest Riflemen, of this city, have received a challenge from the Anson Guards for a competitive target-shooting at Cleaveland Springs, on Wednesday next, the 4th of July, by a picked team of ten men from each company. The challenge was promptly accepted. — The gold fever is still abroad in this city and section, and rages with unabated violence. A quantity of gold ore has recently been found in a neck of land near the junction of the Air Line, Carolina Central and Statesville Railroads, in the Northern section of the city, and has created some sensation among owners of property thereabouts.

— Hickory *Press*: There are thirty editors in North Carolina whose first initial letter is "J." — Mr. J. D. Lyerly, of this place, hands in a head of wheat that outnumbers the one we spoke of last week. This is the same kind of wheat and the head contains 112 grains. Who next? — A two-days' trial took place last week before a magistrate in Marion, the case being that of an accusation of murder. A negro woman, having made some acknowledgments relative to the mysterious death of one Margaret Jackson, was arraigned, and in default of bail was committed to the county prison to await trial at the next term of Superior Court. — Col. W. W. Lenoir, of Watauga county, was in town a few days ago and says that the grass and oat crops in that county will be good if the season continues.

— Raleigh *Observer*: Mr. Pat Johns, living five miles southeast of the city, has a chicken with four well defined legs and feet, is now nearly a month old, and is as brisk and lively as any in the yard. We have frequently seen the four legged chickens, but they were always done up in alcohol from the shell. This is the only one that we have seen alive and kicking. — Only two divorces granted in the Superior Court yesterday, and four since the opening of the court last Monday. Ticklish times, these. — Already one hundred and fifty teachers have entered their names for the coming session of the Normal College at Chapel Hill. — A huge rattle-snake was killed on the Meredith farm of G. T. Stronach, near the city yesterday. He wore twelve rattles and a button, and caused quite a scatteration among the cotton-choppers that overhauled him.

— Tarboro *Southerner*: James H. Ellison, the coroner of Martin county, held an inquest over the dead body of a negro boy named Moore, who drowned himself a few days ago. From the evidence it was supposed that he was insane. — Go slow. If honest poverty were aught to *blush* for, North Carolina would soon become peopled with Aborigines or *Red* Men by a sort of barbaric relapse. — The wheat crop in the East now being harvested is all that could be expected of it, excellent in quality and quantity. — Tarboro is the only town on a railroad with trains running daily, that is without a Sunday mail. Many of the prominent men, lawyers, doctors and merchants have signed a petition to get it back. — Thirty-three new subscribers from Hyde county this week, embracing every post-office in the county.

— A correspondent of the Hickory *Press* says great excitement prevails at Lenoir. Something discovered in the mountains causes the uproar. He says: "Old army tents that have been resting for a long time, were hunted up, and the necessary repairs made on them. Fire arms were rubbed up and a supply of ammunition obtained, sufficient for a long siege. Silently but busily they made preparations, and on Monday morning the wagons were loaded with bacon, shovels, sugar, coffee, blankets, tents and axes. The party consisted of the Mayor, all of the town commissioners, captain and directors of the fire company, a physician, four merchants and others, one foreigner, a Prussian. The others from the different States, New Hampshire, Maryland, Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina being well represented."

The Indian Troubles.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.

An old missionary among the Nez Perces Indians, says the war has been in contemplation for some time, and probably 12,000 Indians will take part in it. The troops are going forward rapidly, though there are very few troops to draw upon, every post in this neighborhood having been completely stripped.

Wagner Coming to America.

CINCINNATI, June 20.

A special dispatch from St. Louis says a letter received there from Michael Bernays, of the University of Munich, an intimate friend of Richard Wagner is making preparations to come to this country for a grand musical campaign throughout the United States, and possibly throughout the American continent, North and South. Respecting the details of the visit very little is given.

Disgrace of an Army Officer.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20.

Lieut. W. W. Fleming, of the Twelfth Infantry, convicted of appropriating the money of prisoners, has been sentenced to dismissal from the service and confinement at hard labor for three years, and further confinement until he pays the United States $1,000. He goes to the Iowa penitentiary.

— Unless our exchanges let us alone about publishing "The Beautiful Snow," we will publish it again. We are not to be trifled with.—*Rome Sentinel.*

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